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### THE PROPOSED WAR TAX ON RAILROAD FREIGHT.

### leven Good and Sufficient Reasons for Not Enacting It.

make the companies fiscal agents for collection of the tax is objectionable be-1. It is a step, and a long one too,

in the direction of government owner-

2. It is unequal; if freight is to be taxed then water carriers should share Otherwise the former would gain traffic. in no small degree, at the expense of the

3. It would measurably increase the post of living and the cost of doing busi-

4. If the principle of freight taxation s established the taxation of passenger receipts will inevitably follow.

the odium of the tax collector. They dready assist in collecting the income tax. They are made to carry much mail and parcel post free of charge. They should not be compelled to usurp a government function. Let the Government collect its axes and pay its just debts. The railroads are already loaded with weighty responsibilities of their own.

6. It will foster a sentiment unfavorable to the railroads because the public either will not or cannot discriminate between necessary revenue increase and tax imposition. The railroads need the good will of the people as much as the people need the invaluable services of the railroads.

7. The Panama exposition at San Francisco is about to open its doors. Its success depends more upon the railroads than upon any other single agency. Every American, man, woman and child, treaty we must revolt against it. who has the price is expected to put in an appearance at the great show. Every its influence upon the gate receipts. NEW YORK, September 14.

campaign document :

"Controlling both houses by substantial majorities, the responsibility for the appropriations belongs to the Republicans. Eight members of the Stefausson ment of their transportation. Try as they may, they cannot be other Arctic expedition, including John It is improbable that another barthan 'wasteful, extravagant, inefficient.' Mongoe, the chief engineer of the gain of this kind will soon be accepted by the city. The gains are too proble-The best interests of the country and the ologist, together with a native Es. matical and the losses too obvious, Yet people demand a Democratic House. In kimo, his wife and two children, have the estimable inhabitants of Richmond

the appropriations of the present sestions of fresh meat with the rifle. Two ston, \$1,089,408,777.26, are the highest the ice in a tremendous gale, and old yet reached, a leap of nearly \$32,000, whalers declared she was doomed. Mr.

pinched worse than ever by the cost of in a counterdrift. He seemed to have dependent on the situation in Europe. living and the disturbance of business, no fears for the twenty-five persons on themselves compelled to economy, see board of her, as they were "equipped their Government more wildly waste- with a skin boat and with proper gear

# Mythmaking in War Time.

dency of the human mind is seldom more as his experience with ice pack condifertile than in war. They forget this tions was limited. The story of the who blame the newspapers for recording sinking of the Karluk in the grip of tus has been damaged by projectiles palpable inventions. In London and in the ice Captain BARTLETT told after he Petrograd they have heard, doubtless reached the Siberian coast over the ice forlorn hopes in the air this youth with by psychotelephone, of "400,000" unem- to get aid for survivors of the expedi- the meteoric name will be a candidate. ployed crying for work in Vienna, tion on Wrangell Island and elsewhere. Geneva tells of a "panic" in Berlin. He believed that First Mate Anderson It is likely enough that the capital on and four of the crew perished while the Spree has full details of a "panic" trying to land provisions from the ship. in London or Paris. Somewhere the Dr. Formes A. Mackay, the surgeon; tells these great things: other side is using dumdum bullets, James Murray, the ocean current specutting off the noses or heads of "our" cialist; Henri Beauchar, the antriver. This sum is for continuing improvement of the lower part of the river continuing improvement of the lower part of the river from Rockport 246 miles to the mouth.

dren. "Our" heroic defenders are to a also unaccounted for. They set out Up to June 30, 1913, there had been exman knights without fear and without over the ice, before the Karluk went pended \$258,735.21, which had resulted in a 3 foot channel to a distance of 145 reproach. "Their" hirelings are brutes down, to reach Wrangell Island, ap-

the streets of New York. It was know the whole story some day. the streets of New York. It was gravely reported that a Southern newspaper had assured its readers, sportively and in derision of his Christian or Carthaginian name, if the assurance was made, that Hannibal Hamin was a negro. "The Northern scum" scume the street of the street of the street of the surance was made, that Hannibal Hamin named Brady accidentally in the street of the street of the street of the project. They just wait until there is a rise in the revenue cutter Bear, Mamen of Christian in the assistant photographer, died at Wrangell Island in May, and a two was a negro. "The Northern scum" fireman named Brady accidentally each other in works of darkness. Overexcited patriotism in both "sections"
perpetrated and believed in the most
monstrous cock and bull stories. Why
has not the legendary history of "Beast"

BARTLETT, only nine members of the expedition that went out with the ice on
the Karluk are known to be alive. It
is a forlorn hope that the parties of
most of which could be floated without
any channel at all."

A long piece of Congressional Record, state of mind which wanted to "hang" his companions are missing. During harbor bill. that brave soldier, accomplished Secrethe winter he busied himself with re-DAILY AND SUNDAY, Per Month.... 1 90 tary of War and excellent and plous search and exploration work in the was a "traitor."

Remembering how eagerly we Americans swallowed fabrications in the

# Conditions of Peace.

It is never too early to move for peace, providing there is a decent chance that mediation may be accepted. It is decidedly too early in the conditions on which peace will prob-

Some of the despatches yesterday from London reported that there is a strong opinion in England in favor of compelling the dismantlement of the some terrible experiences to relate. German fleet in case the allies win. France would get back Alsace-Lorraine and the five billion francs indemnity money she paid in 1870. Belgium would get full payment for all she has consignment of Christmas presents to TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: The would get full payment for all she has consignment of Christmas presents to be have considered to the christmas presents to be have considered to the christmas presents to be a christmas present to the christmas presents to be a christmas present to the christmas presents to be a christmas present to the christmas presents to be a christmas present to the christmas lishment of the German Empire.

How foolish is this talk of extin- and assembly rooms. in northeastern France. The Spectator 5. It would fasten upon the railroads said on August 22;

which it has been compelled to agree to esque appeal. by force majeure. For example, when treaty obligation was overridden by a higher right-by what we are old fash-

rection no doubt she would, to keep a naval force to the arousing of passions is plain. totally inadequate to secure our independence. In that case whenever we were strong enough to annul such a

or duress cannot have the sanctity of case of Belgium."

clons, said in the House in a speech contract or promise limiting her naval return a larger amount in taxes. Moresequence of defeat in this war.

# An Ill Starred Expedition.

the House but the Senate and the Exthe House but the theoret their rejoicings over the
that before their rejoic for getting ashore, if need be, over the

Mr. Stefansson did not prove to be The inexhaustible mytamaking ten- a good prophet, which is not singular, able mention" proves:

tree." Hundreds of thousands of men, About five months ago, according to in-Banks Land. Nothing has been heard the sequel of the war in Europe. summer the Bear cruised along the Premature Speculation About the alive they must go through another winter on the icc, subsisting like Eskimos on the seals and bears they kill with their rifles.

No Arctic expedition ever started out better equipped and with brighter war, however, to speculate about the prospects than the company on the Karluk. Ill luck seems to have dogged it almost from the start, and not half! the story of its mischances and woes has been told. The survivors brought

### Spare the Public Schools!

newed and strengthened guarantees of fixed their eyes on the public schools by even the most painstaking Jerseyite. her future independence. What should as offering attractive stations for the be Russia's compensation is not dis- solicitation of gifts. They argue that cussed. England would extort a treaty it would be appropriate for our chilperpetually limiting the naval estab- dren to contribute and convenient to off of urge them to generosity in their class

the burden in common with land carriers. guishing Germany's naval power by It is to be hoped that the Board of further: reflection. Singularly enough, this schools should not be tolerated, much very same question, with the rôles reless encouraged. It was bad when it versed, was considered by one of the took the form of subscriptions to presablest of the London journals just beents for teachers, and worse when the fore the tide of military success turned preposterous battleship American Boy What would the average man do in of was proposed. The educational authese days without baseball and the thorkies have frowned on such under-takings for years, and they should be pite and nepenthe to souls pieced the treetops. This animal is "We must, of course, recognize the takings for years, and they should be pite and nepenthe to souls pierced right of a nation to repudiate a treaty sustained now in resisting this pictur-

toned enough to call the right of insur- those discussions of the war which from polemic war mania. must enforce on a large number of the many to be victorious in this contest and bereavements suffered by their kinsable to force upon our Government a men across the sea is obvious; and the Profitable Balance Sheet of Shopkeeping treaty limiting our right to defend our- duty of all public functionaries to disselves by sea and only allowing us, as countenance any act that might lead

# What Richmond Will Want.

Under the arrangement by which. "Contracts obtained by force majeure beginning to-day, a five cent street or duress cannot have the sanctity of railway or Staten Island ferry fare burden laid upon the railroads will reflect treaties voluntarily entered into, like the will pay for a transfer from car to on the \$750,000,000, treaty binding Prussia and Britain in the boat or from boat to car the city will lose an amount estimated at \$200,000 Bepublican Extravagance and Democratic Economy.

It can hardly be supposed that the a year in addition to the deficit all spectator or any fair minded English ready charged to the municipal ferry many, consequent impetus of home manufactures werth man would object to the converse prop- involved. This loss is defended on the On June 19, 1910, the Hon. John osition; that is, Germany's right to ground that by making Richmond more J. FITZGERALD, the present chairman of repudiate, whenever she felt werself accessible real estate in that borough Increased rate on ship cargoes. the House Committee on Appropriation strong enough for the experiment, any will be increased in value and hence which was circulated as a Democratic armament forced upon her as a con-over, the residents of Richmond hold that the enormous sums spent on subways do not benefit them, and that they thus; are entitled to city aid in the improve- Loss of 25,000 Tommy Atkinses, value

There is more than the usual satis-000 over the skyscraping figures of Stefansson was optimistic. In a message from Point Barrow, written on own tongue the operas the New York The voters of the United States. October 30, 1913, he expressed the opin-

> It must have occurred to admirers of the French aviators that there was work for the youthful MARCEL G. BRINDEJONG DE MOULINAIS, most daring of all flying men, to do in the great war. He has not been idle, as the following "honor-

> "Corporal Aviator MARCEL G. BRINDE-JONE DE MOULINAIS has made numerous reconnaissances, during which his appara-If there is distinction to be won by

> Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire

"It is proposed to give \$16,000 for that

and savages, for whom bentting crimes are seriously produced and believed in so during the civil war the North shuddered at the black deeds attributed to that Wild Huntsman of the imagination of the imag tion, "the Black Horse Cavalry." So vided councils seem to have been not no channel at all for the rest of the way.

the South heard the grass growing in uncommon on the Karluk. We shall It requires a rise of the river of from one

was a negro. "The Northern scum" fireman named Bradt accidentally sind "the Southern chivalry" rivalled shot himself later. Including Captain tenance of what the other half accom-

BUILLER OF even of Ellsworth's Zouwill ever reach civilization, although
but whoever takes the trouble to read it
will get an enlightening notion of the their hour of fame, been written? How wastes. To add to the sum of disaster, shameless and useless stealings which distant and unrecallable now looks that Mr. Stefansson himself and several of make up a large part of the river and

These are extraordinary times when man "Jere" Davis "on a sour apple Mackenzle basin and along shore. States before the Hague tribunal, Mr. usually of good judgment, were firmly telligence from Point Barrow, Stefansing of 10,000 people on Boston Common
persuaded that General McClellan son started on a side expedition to on a Sunday. Mr. Elder's theme was of his party since. During the later predicted that when peace was made there would be established a court with Published daily, including Sunday, by the time of our calamity, let us be tolerant south and southwest shore of Banks odds with each other and prevent war Sun Printing and Publishing Association at 170 Nassau street, in the Borough of Manbattan, New York, President and Treasurer, william C. Reick, 170 Nassau street; Vice
William C. Reick, 170 Nassau street; Vice
Sun Printing and Publishing Association at of the contemporary thick growths of Land "with flags flying and whistles by employing an international police blowing," but no sign of the adventurous explorer and his men was seen. If seemed an idle dream, but who shall say ous explorer and his men was seen. If seemed an idle dream, but who shall say that when the horror that now envelops Europe has passed the civilized peoples will not decree an end of militarism?

The old Japan has passed. A stain on military honor used to be felt like a wound. To-day Japan has its venal After this war is ended, no matter whether Germany is successful or her European enemies with their Asiatic alin by the Bear will no doubt have warriors and they are vulgarly tried and punished for corruption in the Western fashion.

An archæologist has dug up bones of

In a letter to the Evening Post Mr. CLEVELAND H. Dodge in the interest of "rigid personal economy and the cutting every unnecessary expense pro-

poses that the intercollegiate football games be not played this fall. He says means of a treaty signed under commeans of a treaty signed under

with the perilous edge of battle. Such relief and balm the pigskin blatant will bring. Mr. Dodge thinks that "there is when its young are in distress. In cap-Were it necessary to produce against something almost inhuman" in football NAPOLEON compelled the Prussians at the point of the bayonet to sign a treaty bimiting their army and placing them in an absolutely dependent condition, the treaty obligation was overridden by a streaty obligation ability of excluding from the schools tions, in fact its main protection,

# "Take another example. Suppose Ger- juvenile population the sorrows and HER GAINS AND HER LOSSES. "

"Pirate" England. To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Did England calculate as follows her probable gain:

As masters of the seas, keeping German warships in their home waters, take as war prizes three-fourths of the German merchant marine

on the \$750,000,000, \$75,000, trian patents ..

annually \$80,000,000, for five when German merchant ma-

\$80,000,000, for five years.... \$2,225,000,000

And did she reckon her possible risk

placed by Jack London at With no possible opposition, plracy is as easy as taking money from a boy with a broken leg. Stealing the brains of others is just as easy in case of war. Well, England declared war. W. I NEW ORLEANS, La., September 11.

England's answer was to send an expedi- official credentials. ton which again bombarded and took Copenhagen and compelled the surrender of the Danish fleet. To punish Denmark for her recalcitrancy. Norway subsequently was torn from her. English historians ever since have justified these actions by the argument that the welfare good does it do to praise American clothsactions by the argument that the welfare of a little kingdom could not and ought not to be considered as against the larger destinies of Great Britain; precisely the

excuse of Emperor William.

While history and civilization and The Sun are about it, why not press England for an answer as to her outrages upon Americans, in gross violation of interna-tional law, which caused the War of 1812? Norwich, September 14. H. R. F.

Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner letter to County Clerk J. R. Jefferson,

The Kings' War:

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Call 4t the "Kings" War" and let us remember that so long as there are kings so long republics must be prepared to defend the homes and lives of their citizens.

DUTCHMAN.

JACKSONVILLE, Pla., September 12.

NEW YORK, September 14.

Russians have taken Tomaszo, will not the Germans, by way of nullifying such a vic-tory, try to take Cannes? S. RATTY GICK.

CANAL

Ex-Governor Pennypacker in Criticism o the President's Course. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: There

is one aspect of the war now convulsing Europe to which attention has not been

called and which may perhaps prove to

be of importance to the interests of the United States.

It will be remembered that Mr. Wilson in his speeches to the Western farmers pointed out to them the advantages they would secure because of free passage for American shipping through the Panama Canal, and that as President he re-versed this personal attitude and even incurred the risk of being charged with breach of faith.

It will further be remembered that he went before Congress and besought the members of his party there to vote against the provision of the party plat-form upon the subject of these tolls and prevailed upon them to disregard the pledges which had been made to the people by the official representatives of that party in its convention. This course was at the time accepted by them and pursued because of his announcement that it was necessary in order to avoid complications with European Governments.

Existing conditions show how absolutely futile would have been any threats which may then have been made by England or any control of the con land or any other European Power. we watched and waited for only a few months over the Panama Canal, as we did for a year over Villa, there need have been no occasion to fear European interference or to require the President and his compatriots to overlook their utterances in the preciection campaign.

An opportunity has now arisen which will enable them again to make a demi-voite and to return to their original posi-tion. The results of the control of t tion. The war, which has been productive Vice-Admiral Korchi Fujii, who was of so much evil, may perhaps be utilized accused of bribery in connection with the haval corruption case of last year, has if it should result in the restoration of been sentenced to imprisonment for a term of four years and six months.—

Canal, which we in a moment of appreciantly despatch. Canal, which we in a moment of appre-hension, misapprehension and feebleness surrendered, it will not be without im-

> lies prevail, the world will enter upon new career. In the shaping of the future the control of the Panama Canal, which we have constructed either for ourselves

PHILADELPHIA, September 12.

### THE WHITE HANDED GIBBON. Its Wail of Despair Stirs the Zoo Crowd to Guffaws.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: What the white handed gibbon at the Bronx zoo when this animal gives its frequent

the one arranged to the human race, shows off to poor advantage in a cage, but in the treetops it is a wonderful creature animated by the spirit creature animated by the spirit of an Ariel. In its home in the jungles of Borneo and southeastern Asia it tivity gibbons are shy and nervous, and take life very seriously."

This animal, shy and nervous, living

is especially hard, is here eaged in unsparing publicity for the inspection of the for the most part, inane crowds that surge through the Zoological Park, making a holiday of witnessing the animals understand.

-winging from end to end of its ole, over and over again, this gibbon from the State, and from that day myill huddle itself in a heap, with its long mining steadily declined in Colorado. white hands folded in human fashlon, and will wail in apparent despair. The sound, a blood curdling one, can be heard far out in the grounds; and is the the usual criticism; and this word is always ap sad faces and animal ways of all the rest of the primates, the exhibition of which at the zoo is, in many ways, not a prop
S75,000,000 at the zoo is, in many ways, not a prop
OLD COLORADO MINER. | Students Association and the New York School Lunch Committee. The enterprise costs from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year erly educative one for adults or children.

A CITIZEN. NEW YORK, September 14.

# The Literary Mission From England.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Str: I read with great interest the cable from

German affiliations, every male member of whose family has fought for the United States, I wish to protest most emphatically against this propaganda.

12,500 cally against this propaganda.

13,500 cally against this propaganda.

14 the Livited States and the developments.

15 in my humble opinion I believe an

pon despatched a fleet under Parker and Selson which bombarded Copenhagen. In Nelson which bombarded Copenhagen. In 1807, after the treaty of Tilsit, England invited Denmark to join her in alliance against Napoleon. Denmark replied that she elected to remain strictly neutral. us calmly await the production of their

good does it do to praise American cloths-and tailors as you do in your editorial article "Art in London Before the War," unless you lead forth some American prince of sartorial perfection to set off our beautiful cloths and our tailors' skill?
The idea that our cloth makers and tailors have to say that this is after the ideas of Lord Lonsdale and that this is material that Major Cadogan has taught the Prince of Wales to appreciate is obnoxious to the American spirit; for Not all Who Fish Are Fishermen.

From the Houston Past.

"Any person who fishes and takes fish The Pearl River of Mississippi empties into the Gulf of Mexico after a journey of 350 miles. Of this giant stream Senator Gallings of New Lawrence in the first the many person who fishes and takes fish from the public freeh waters of this State and it is unpartiotic of The Sun not to mention Colonel J. Ham Lewis as the American model.

### A Revenue Suggestion. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I

the Government wants an equal revenue tax so that every one pays his share of it. tax so that every one pays his share of it.
why doesn't it raise the postage rate on
letters from two cents to three cents an
ounce? No one could escape it, and it
would not cost the Government anything
extra for collection. It certainly would
put that Department on a paying basis.

JOHN C. JOHNSON.

ELLENVILLE, September 12

Another Atrocity. The Venus of Milo explained. "The Germans done it," she said briefly.

THE WAR AND THE PANAMA THE MATTER WITH COLORADO. Ruled and Ruined by the Western Feder ation of Miners.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: You ek: What has become of Colorado? guess you mean: What is the matter with the State, anyhow? I can tell you thing about the trouble out there, if you won't give me away to the rednecks who are making all the fuss in the mines. They don't like me because on one oc-casion I raised hell with them. It's about this way: When I first came to Colorado during raised hell with them. It's

the Leadville excitement, about '78, Colorado seemed to me, as a young fellow from the city, as big as all outdoors and as free and fine a place as any young fellow could strike. The big mountains just seemed to welcome you. Everybody was giad to help, and there was somewas glad to help, and there was something doing every minute. Why, if you
were wandering over the hills and got
hungry, having strayed a bit far from
camp, all you had to do was to look
about for a prospector's cabin or tent,
and help yourself. It was considered
etiquette to leave some sort of writing
behind like: "Your beans is good, but you
ain't much on biskit." "Ett some of
your chuck, thanks!" signing your name
of course. The good old days are past. of course. The good old days are past. If you leave a cabin unlocked these days you come home to an empty house. The mines made Colorado-gold, silver,

lead and copper, coal and iron. What's the matter now? Well, first of all, the old time American stock, the pioneers, strong men and women who came to Colorado in the early days, don't live there any longer. The land is all fenced The mines are owned by the big fellows. The miners no longer come from Cornwall and Wales; the Germans and Swedes and the Blue Noses (the fellows from Nova Scotia, who were the dandles with the axe in the pine forests) have quit. The miners in these days are Huns and Finns and all sorts of for-

about 25. The boys that worked for me called me "the old man" and we were a

By and by, about 1900, the miners' union got busy in the State, and with the help of the politicians started trouble in the mining camps. The union leaders could do much as they pleased with the foreigners that worked in the mines, and it wasn't long before all the miners in the small mining towns scattered around the mountains had to join the Western Federation of Miners or "get it in the neck." I was superintendent of a mine at that time and told my men they could join the union or not as they pleased, but strange apathy or lack of understanding is it that makes the crowd gather with delight and laughter around the cage of should do. The fundamental idea of the the amount of work they shall do," mean- As to the number of pupils that showed work than the poorest and laziest; the pulling down of the good workman to the level of the poorest. To kill all ambition in the good workman was to me public. pulling down of the good workman to the level of the poorest. To kill all ambition in the good workman was to me nothing short of a crime. The union leaders in our camp were men taught by the Hayour camp were men taught by the short of the investment Maxwell. It is expected that wood type, agitators, not wanting to the increase in the number of pupils or the admissions at the opening of the baiting capital and sowing the seeds of schools last year will be about 15,000.

plunged in civil war lasting two years. One of my neighbors, a mine manager, lost his life. He was shat down in cold blood by a follower of Haywood. No jury could be found to convict a union man, not much! The people were scared

What was the result? The people of Colorado were terrorized. Capital was driven from the State, and from that day metal And now comes the coal fight.

he same principles are involved; be tion of the union" is the cry. property over to us to run, or we won't provide the girl students with signal for hundreds of men, women and children, many to all appearances of the more decent classes, to gather around prosperity of the State. If it wasn't for to the pupils to study food hygiene and with laughter and cries of delight. It is the fruit raising it would be a dead one, the underlying principles of good co-

New York, September 12.

# BECKER'S CASE.

A Plea by a Reputable and Personally Disinterested Observer.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—SIT.

read with great interest the cable from London stating that a delegation including J. W. Barrie and A. E. W. Mason sailed for this country on the Lusitania "to advocate in the United States the British point of view regarding the war."

As a native born American, with no Consequence attilizione every male resulter.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: To Emperor William II., Berlin, Germany: Brother Man: Permit me to call your at-

tention to the following selections from your old church book: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not steal; thou shalt no covet anything that is the neighbor's." Frederic W. Pangeorn.

### The Kaiser's Rethreat. The Germans' falling back is in effect a retreat all along the line.—French official

Frinch ginerals rayport. Phwile the Crown Pr-rince is kilt Three toimes daily for shport, That "the Kaiser's fall back Is in fact a rethreat"; Now, Donnelly, phwat D'ye think o' that feat?

is in fact a fall back!" Phwat an iligant feat!
Well, they shure hov the knack, Thim Frinchmen in Paris, Whin shpillin' the ink, f mixin' yez up Till ye're nadin' a dhrink

The Katser rethreats.

Phwile he kapes fallin' back!
Shure they've tould us it twice! Is the cinsorship slack? I see be the pa-a-po There's raison to fear

"The Kaiser's rethreat

That the Katser, rethreatin' Got ethung in the rear! OLIN L. LYMAN.

# SCHOOLS OPEN WITH TEACHERS IN PLENTY

Substitutes Get Opportunity by Reason of European War Absences.

CHILDREN RUSH TO DOORS

Thousands Make Early Start in Effort to Get the Choice Seats.

If one were to judge by the early hour at which many of the children set out for the opening of the public schools yesterday it would appear that thousand of youngsters were impatient to get back to their studies. The schools were to ope: at 9 o'clock, but in many districts of Manhattan and The Bronx children were to be seen in the streets with school books

under their arms as early as 7 o'clook.

The motive for this unusually early

rising was perhaps to obtain a favorite seat in the classroom on the principle that the first come the first served. The gates were thrown open as early as 8 o'clock at most of the schools so as to quit. The miners in these uay, quit. The miners in these uay, quit. The miners in these uay, quit. The miners and all sort of forHuns and Finns and all sort they buy a small farm in the valley, not they! They live in shacks, and send their money to the countries from which they came, or else they save up and go home and take the money with them and live on it forther many with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money with them and live on it for the money was used in organization. thorities had provided, and the teachers were kept busy in taking down the names and pedigrees of these and assigning them to classes. City Superintendent Maxwell said there was no trouble in providing teachers for the vacant places caused by the absence of those that were detained in Europe by the page.

### Substitutes Get Chance

detained in Europe by the war.

The normal increase in the teaching staff of the elementary schools because of the enlarged school population each year is about 365. These were easi provided from the waiting lists of provided from the waiting lists of teachers who had been graduated from the training schools and were gaining experience as substitute instructors. After filling the normal vacancies there were enough left to take the places of

batting capital and sowing to discord far and wide.

You know what followed: Colorado was plunged in civil war lasting two years.

The centennial of the writing of "The centenn anthem and saluting the flag. The teachers gave the pupils a short histor No of Francis Scott Key, the author was written.

Dr. Francis Paul, principal of publ echool echool 171, assumed the princip ship of the De Witt Clinton High Scho yesterday. John L. Tildsley moved the principalship of the High School

Many improvements have been made in the Julia Richman High School, but especially in regard to the luncheon

Luncheon Service Improved.

ght. The service, which was so generally co-"recognimended at the last session. The obje-Turn your of establishing the service has been

The service is conducted

An expert dictitian is in charge of The menu is varied from day to day Hot luncheon with dessert costs 15 cents at most. A salmon sandwich is 4 cents milk or cocon 3 cents, bread roll 1 cent butter 2 cents, brick ice cream 5 cents and hot meat dish with two vegetables and bread 10 cents.

### DEATH RATE FURTHER DOWN Not a Single Mortality From Sear let Fever in Week.

cally against this propaganda.

As the United States has declared her neutrality and the President has report of war.

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The cables to Germany are cut, those to Great British side of the case. If this propagance are against this propaganda.

In my humble opinion I believe an the charge of conspiring to murder, will be put to death of Charkes Becker is electrocuted. Further, in the corresponding week of 1913. The whole of the case is already ample opportunity to present the British side of the case. If this propagance is already ample opportunity to present the gard of the case. If this propagance is already ample opportunity to present the graph is already ample opportunity and the elevelopments.

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In my humble opinion I believe and the charge of configure and the charge of configure and t tion, as against a rate of 11.50 a thousand in the corresponding week of 1913. There was not a single death from scarlet feve in the city last week, a very unusual happening, and deaths from diphtheria-croup, whooping cough and pneumonia showed a marked decrease. Typhoid fever. diarrhozal diseases, organic heart disease, pulmonary tuberculosis and deaths from violence increased.

The mortality of infants under 1 year

of age decreased by forty-seven deaths, but for infants between 1 and 4 years there was an increased mortality of fortyone deaths.

The death rate for the first thirty-seven weeks in 1914 was 13.73, against a rate of 14.25 for the corresponding period last a decrease of more than one-half a point.

# FEVER SOURCE STILL MYSTERY. City Water in Brooklyn Shows No

Possible Portent Off Shore.

From the Bernuda Colonist.

On Friday mroning at 2 o'clock Mr.
Brownlow Carris observed from the St.
David's lighthouse a comet bearing about the country of the park Slope in Brooklyn, and the cause of it has so far been undetermined. Up to noon on Saturday there had been altogether fifty-three cases reported, and since then no new cases have been heard from.

Secretary Fiske of the Harris is investigation in regard to the outbreak of the David the cause of it has not yet finished its investigation in regard to the outbreak of the David for the cause of it has not yet finished its investigation in regard to the outbreak of typhoid fever in a small section of the Park Slope in Brooklyn, and the cause of it has so far been undetermined. Up to noon on Saturday there had been altogether fifty-three cases reported, and since then no new cases have been heard from.

The comet is described as a large one with the tail up.

ment said that considerable attention was being devoted to the possibility that an accumulation of sediment in "dead ends" of water mains on the Slope may have been responsible for the outbreak of typhoid. The analysis of the water taken from the taps in the neighborhood, so far as it has progressed, has not revealed any bad conditions

### PLAN TO SPEED COMPENSATION Two Officials Sparring Accident Insurance Companies.

Frank Hasbrouck, State Superintendent of Insurance, has sent the insurance com-panies writing workmen's compensation insurance a letter urging prompt filing of complete information regarding aceldents brought to their attention letter commends the companies for operating with the Workmen's Com Commission, but urges attention to details in order that full benefits be de rived from the compensation law and that criticism of insurance companies may be

avoided.

William C. Archer, the commission's new general manager, will confer to-day with representatives of the companies writing compensation insurance, with the aim of securing better cooperation and more rapid handling of claims.